

Feel angry about the Poll Tax? Don't keep it to yourself. You can express your outrage free of charge by dialling 100 and asking the operator for Freefone Rebate Hotline. This is Nottingham City Council's Poll Tax advice line. There must be lots of questions you can ask them. Remember, loud talk costs nothing.

Frank Bruno may or may not be against the Poll Tax but one local fighter has proudly declared his position. The statue of Bendigo, atop the Bendigo pub in Sneinton Hermitage, has lately been to be brandishing a No Poll Tax placard.

Carlton says No to Poll Tax. 40 people attended the first meeting of Carlton Anti-Poll Tax Union on May 16 at Standhill Road Infants' School. Gedling councillors Ivan Gollop and John Clarke stressed the unfairness of the tax and revealed that Gedling Council has so far only collected forty per cent of what they would normally have received under rates at this time of year. They emphasised that Poll Tax was designed to raise more money than rates so the Government could give less via state funding and the money saved would go to boost the Tories' pet councils. To join the Carlton APTU contact [REDACTED]

The Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation, comprising of delegates from all APTUs in Notts, had its most recent meeting on May 19. Nearly thirty groups are affiliated. Canvassers have met mounting hostility to the Poll Tax. Clifton has 1,000 members, Beeston has 500 while one estate in Mansfield boasts 1,800 members! Sneinton's 200 has some catching up to do! Groups like Broxtowe reported that Saturday morning stalls attracted great interest from shoppers. Many people they talked to said that they were going to cancel their direct debits and standing orders and let the City look for their money the hard way!

Among the speakers at the Sneinton APTU at Sneinton Hermitage on May 15 was a housing clerk from the London Borough of Greenwich where 170 clerical staff went on strike because of the Poll Tax workload as so many people are claiming rebates. You are welcome to attend the regular SAPTU meetings at the Hermitage.

IF YOU WANT A WINDOW POSTER CONTACT SNEINTON APTU - Membership secretary is [REDACTED]

HEALTH WORKERS AGAINST THE POLL TAX. Contact c/o COHSE Office, West Block, Queens Medical Centre.

The Trafalgar Square Defendants' Campaign has been set up to co-ordinate the defence of those who were arrested following the police riot in London on March 31. Many are facing serious criminal charges as the tabloid press prints mugshots of others whom the police are seeking and they aren't even Irish! A fair trial is out of the question for these people. Thatcher is fond of saying "The day we have trial by television is the day freedom dies" whenever there is a TV documentary about a miscarriage of justice. However, freedom has long since died in the columns of the Sun, Star, Mail, Express etc.

There is also a local campaign called the Nottingham Defence Fund which is helping Trafalgar Square victims and those who were charged following the 'Robin Hood' occupation of the Council House on March 5. Contact through NDF, Box DF, [REDACTED]

Let your councillors know that the Poll Tax is unacceptable. Roger Stenson, 8 Sanger Gardens, Clifton. Tel 845762 (Co. Council, Trent). Robert Tuck, 3 Catterley Hill Road. Tel 873878 (Co. Council, Greenwood). Oswald George Powe, 20 Gorsey Road. Tel 605903 (Co. Council, Manvers). Charles Clarke (874477 or 483500) & Stan Rushton (504165) Nottingham city, Greenwood. Allah Satti (504235) & John Carter (412206) Nottingham city, Trent, are at Sneinton Library on Saturdays 10.30 to 12 and at Edale Road Boys' Club Thur 11 to 12. Betty Higgins & Bill Pearce (Manvers) are at Carlton Road Library second Thursday of the month from 6.30. to 7.45. Both are City councillors.

COMING UP

Sun. June 3rd at 2.30. Poll Tax Bill Burning to music below Sneinton Windmill. Members' meetings at Sneinton Hermitage (7.30) Tues June 19, July 3, 17, 31.